

Saskatchewan Consumer Price Index

April 2011

According to Statistics Canada, the Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index increased 0.2 percent between March 2011 and April 2011 while the Canada All-items Index advanced 0.3 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index both rose 0.1 percent during the same period.

In Saskatchewan, the April All-items Index increased from March 2011 primarily due to higher prices for gasoline, personal care supplies and equipment, sugar and confectionery and fresh or frozen beef. Prices also rose for cablevision and satellite services, furniture and passenger vehicle parts~ maintenance and repairs.

Moderating these increases were price reductions for women's clothing, men's clothing, children's clothing and footwear. Prices also fell for fresh vegetables, dairy products and traveller accommodation.

The Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index advanced 2.6 percent between April 2010 and April 2011 while the Canada All-items Index increased 3.3 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index climbed 2.7 percent and 2.3 percent, respectively, during the same period.

The April All-items Index increased from April 2010 primarily due to higher prices for gasoline, electricity, homeowners' home and mortgage insurance, rent, replacement cost and property taxes. Prices also rose for food purchased from restaurants.

These increases were partially offset by price decreases for natural gas, women's clothing, men's clothing and prescribed medicines. Prices also fell for recreational equipment and services (excluding recreational vehicles), furniture and passenger vehicle insurance premiums

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**ALL-ITEMS
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
SASKATCHEWAN AND CANADA**

	Index		Percent Change	
	<u>Apr. 2011</u>	<u>Mar. 2011</u>	<u>Mar. 2011</u> to <u>Apr. 2011</u>	<u>Apr. 2010</u> to <u>Apr. 2011</u>
	(2002 = 100)			
SASKATCHEWAN				
All-Items	121.6	121.4	0.2	2.6
Food	127.3	127.5	-0.2	4.2
Shelter	143.4	143.2	0.1	3.0
Household Operations and Furnishings	104.3	104.0	0.3	-0.3
Clothing and Footwear	92.2	98.2	-6.1	-6.2
Transportation	118.1	116.1	1.7	6.4
Health and Personal Care	114.2	113.3	0.8	0.5
Recreation, Education and Reading	105.4	105.3	0.1	1.3
Tobacco and Alcohol	140.7	140.8	-0.1	-0.3
All-Items Excluding Energy	119.0	119.2	-0.2	1.5
Energy	145.5	141.5	2.8	11.3
CANADA				
All-Items	119.8	119.4	0.3	3.3
Food	126.9	127.2	-0.2	3.3
Shelter	125.2	124.6	0.5	2.3
Household Operations and Furnishings	109.8	110.4	-0.5	1.2
Clothing and Footwear	93.1	94.4	-1.4	-1.1
Transportation	127.2	124.8	1.9	8.3
Health and Personal Care	117.3	116.4	0.8	2.2
Recreation, Education and Reading	105.1	104.9	0.2	2.1
Tobacco and Alcohol	135.0	134.8	0.1	2.4
All-Items Excluding Energy	116.7	116.8	-0.1	2.0
Energy	159.2	151.7	4.9	17.1
REGINA				
All-Items	121.9	121.8	0.1	2.7
SASKATOON				
All-Items	122.2	122.1	0.1	2.3

Note: These indices measure the percent change in consumer prices within each geographic area. The indices do not compare price levels between Saskatchewan, Canada, Regina or Saskatoon.

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
PERCENT CHANGE
CANADA AND PROVINCES**

	Percent Change	
	<u>Mar. 2011</u> to <u>Apr. 2011</u>	<u>Apr. 2010</u> to <u>Apr. 2011</u>
Canada	0.3	3.3
Newfoundland	0.5	3.8
Prince Edward Island	0.9	3.5
Nova Scotia	0.5	4.2
New Brunswick	0.5	3.6
Quebec	0.2	3.2
Ontario	0.4	3.6
Manitoba	0.3	3.0
Saskatchewan	0.2	2.6
Alberta	1.2	3.0
British Columbia	0.2	2.7
Whitehorse	0.3	3.3
Yellowknife	0.3	3.2
Iqaluit	0.5	1.3

Source: Statistics Canada, *Consumer Price Index Survey*
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PERCENT CHANGE
CANADIAN CITIES**

	Percent Change	
	<u>Mar. 2011</u> to <u>Apr. 2011</u>	<u>Apr. 2010</u> to <u>Apr. 2011</u>
St. John's	0.5	3.7
Charlottetown-Summerside	0.8	3.3
Halifax	0.5	3.9
Saint John	0.3	3.5
Quebec City	0.2	3.2
Montreal	0.2	3.0
Ottawa	0.4	3.6
Toronto	0.3	3.5
Thunder Bay	0.7	3.7
Winnipeg	0.3	2.9
Regina	0.1	2.7
Saskatoon	0.1	2.3
Edmonton	1.1	2.9
Calgary	1.0	2.6
Vancouver	0.2	2.6
Victoria	0.2	2.7
Whitehorse	0.3	3.3
Yellowknife	0.3	3.2
Iqaluit	0.5	1.3